Amendments to the Claims

Please amend claims 1 and 25-28 as follows. All pending claims, whether or not amended, are presented below for the Examiner's convenience and will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

- 1. (Currently amended) A nucleic acid encoding a modified polypeptide with an improved in vivo half-life, said modified polypeptide comprising an Ig constant domain or Ig-like constant domain and a salvage receptor binding epitope within said Ig constant domain or Ig-like constant domain, wherein said epitope is absent from the unmodified polypeptide, wherein said salvage receptor binding epitope is taken from a at least one loop of the CH₂ domain of an Fc region of an Ig molecule and wherein said polypeptide in modified form does not comprise an intact CH₂ domain or an intact Fc region.
- 21. (Previously added) The nucleic acid of claim 1 wherein the Ig domain or Ig-like domain comprises a CH₁ domain.
- 22. (Previously added) The nucleic acid of claim 1 wherein the unmodified polypeptide is an Fab, an (Fab)₂, or a receptor.
- 23. (Previously added) The nucleic acid of claim 22 wherein the unmodified polypeptide is an anti-CD18 Fab or an anti-CD18 (Fab)₂.
- 24. (Previously added) The nucleic acid of claim 23 wherein the modified polypeptide is human or humanized.
- 25. (Currently amended) The nucleic acid of claim 1 wherein said salvage receptor epitope binding epitope comprises amino acids from 1 through about 11 of SEQ ID NO: 3.
- 26. (Currently amended) The nucleic acid of claim 1 wherein said salvage receptor <u>binding</u> <u>epitope</u> comprises amino acids from 1 through about 11 of SEQ ID NO: 3 and amino acids from 1 through about 7 of SEQ ID NO: 11.

- 27. (Currently amended) The nucleic acid of claim 1 wherein said salvage receptor <u>binding</u> <u>epitope</u> comprises amino acids from 1 through <u>about</u> 11 of SEQ ID NO: 3 and amino acids from 1 through <u>about</u> 8 of SEQ ID NO: 1.
- 28. (Currently amended) The nucleic acid of claim 1 wherein said salvage receptor comprises amino acids from 1 through about 11 of SEQ ID NO: 3 and amino acids from 1 through about 8 of SEQ ID NO: 31.